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TAGS: PREL, OVIP (SCOWCROFT, BRENT), CH, US  
SUBJECT: CHINESE OFFICIALS AND LOCAL CONTACTS UPBEAT  
-- ON RESULTS OF VISIT BY NATIONAL SECURITY  
-- ADVISOR SCOWCROFT AND DEPUTY SECRETARY  
-- EAGLEBURGER

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN MEETINGS THIS WEEK WITH OFFICIAL AND  
NON-OFFICIAL CHINESE CONTACTS, EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE  
HEARD OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE REACTIONS TO LAST  
WEEKEND'S VISIT BY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR SCOWCROFT  
AND DEPUTY SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS  
AT THE MFA, OTHER MINISTRIES, THINK TANKS, AND EVEN  
LOCAL MERCHANTS HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS  
VISIT FOR BEGINNING THE RESTORATION OF SINO-U.S.  
RELATIONS.

3. REACTIONS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: INDICATIVE OF  
THE POSITIVE FEELING BY CHINESE OFFICIALS. WERE COMMENTS  
MADE BY MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIALS DECEMBER 13 AND 14 AT  
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DURING SUSTANTIVE MEETINGS ON  
SUBJECTS OTHER THAN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. ALL REFERRED  
THE TRIP AS "A GREAT SUCCESSFUL STEP BY THE  
PRESIDENT, AND SOUGHT TO ASSURE EMBASSY THAT THERE  
WORLD BE A RESPONSE ON THE CHINESE SIDE IN A MEETING  
THIS WEEK, [REDACTED] OPENED TALKS  
WITH ECON MINCOUNS BY SAYING, "NOW THAT RELATIONS ARE  
BACK ON TRACK..." AN OFFICIAL [REDACTED]

TOLD ECONOFF ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, THAT  
"ALL OF US HERE HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE TELEVISION OVER  
THE WEEKEND AND ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS  
DEVELOPMENT."

4. THINK TANK EXPERTS PRAISE VISIT: [REDACTED]  
EASTERN EUROPEAN SPECIALISTS AT THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF  
[REDACTED] EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP PLEASURE  
ABOUT THE VISIT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVED  
SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. THEY SAID THE U.S. HAD CLEARLY  
MADE THE FIRST MOVE, AND HOW CHINA MUST MAKE AN  
APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. [REDACTED] ADVISED  
THE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR PRESIDENT BUSH RESULTING

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FROM NEGATIVE REACTION IN THE UNITED STATES, [REDACTED]  
SAID THAT RECENT EDITIONS OF [REDACTED]  
MATERIALS CIRCULATED BY HIGH LEVEL PARTY  
OFFICIALS HAVE CONTINUED NAME ARTICLES FROM THE MEDIA  
CRITICAL OF THE SCOWCROFT VISIT.

5. MORE [REDACTED] REACTION: ASKED HOW THE CHINESE  
"MAN IN THE STREET" VIEWS THE VISIT, THEY SAID THAT,  
WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS, CHINESE WHO CARE ABOUT THE  
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE RELATIONS  
MOVE BACK TOWARDS NORMALIZATION. [REDACTED] WENT ON  
TO SAY THAT, ALTHOUGH MANY CHINESE MAY BE UNHAPPY WITH  
THE JUNE 3-4 CRACKDOWN, ITS AFTERMATH, AND THE CURRENT  
REGIME'S POLICIES, THERE EXISTS A DEEP TRADITIONAL  
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF CHINA AND THE UNITED  
STATES. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, THEY SAID, MANY CHINESE  
PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT IMPROVED SINO-U.S. RELATIONS MEAN  
MORE INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGES AND ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL  
TIES. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE CHINESE REGIME HAS BEEN  
WORLD'S RECEIVING DESPERATELY NEEDED SUPPORT FROM ABROAD.

[REDACTED] SAID THEY BELIEVE MOST CHINESE KNOW THAT  
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. CAN ONLY RESULT IN  
FURTHER REFORMS AT HOME AND A BETTER ECONOMIC SITUATION  
FOR EVERYONE, NOTWITHSTANDING ATTEMPTS FROM WITHIN TO  
BLOCK REFORMS.

6. PRIVATE REACTION: MERCHANTS ON A BUSY DOWNTOWN  
THOROUGHFARE COMMENTED POSITIVELY ON THE VISIT DURING A  
CHAT WITH EMBASSY EARLY THIS WEEK. ONE SAID,  
"RELATIONS BETWEEN US ARE GOOD NOW, RIGHT?"

7. A COMMENT FROM THE PROVINCES: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOLD SCIENCE MINCOUNS ON DECEMBER 9 THAT HE  
WAS "VERY GLAD" TO HEAR OF THE VISIT, WHICH IS AN  
"AUSPICIOUS STEP" IN RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE

UNITED STATES.

8. EMBASSY OPERATIONS: SOME EMBASSY OPERATIONS HAVE  
ALSO BEEN EFFECTED POSITIVELY BY THE VISIT. THE  
ECON SECTION REPORTS THAT [REDACTED] PREVIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN  
GETTING APPOINTMENTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICES HAVE FADED:  
THIS WEEK, MOREOVER, THE SECTION'S TOP INTERNATIONAL  
VISITOR PROGRAM [REDACTED] CANDIDATE, WHO EARLIER INFORMED  
US HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL THIS YEAR, TOLD ECON  
MINCOUNS ON DECEMBER 13 HE WOULD [REDACTED] TRAVEL  
TO THE U.S. AS PROPOSED.

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